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MMMonVHF Newsletter No. 1/ WEEK 03 2012

Hallo dear MMMonVHF friends,

please find below our latest NEWSLETTER from the VHF-DX-Portal
"Make More Miles on VHF" (www.MMMonVHF.de), dated 2013-01-16
We try to distribute our Newsletter, once a week on thursday;
if any special activity will make it necessary
we will inform you with Breaking News or a Special NL-Edition.
For further details please be so kind and look at our "News"-page
http://www.mmmonvhf.de/latest.php - you are welcome for any
input and we hope you will enjoy the VHF-DX-Portal MMMonVHF!

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Latest NEWS and INFO for the NEWSLETTER
MMMonVHF The VHF-DX-Portal
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144.370 is the general calling frequency for MS in Region 1. However,
in many countries this particular frequency suffers from birdies,
often related to Cable TV networks. An option would be to shift the
general calling frequency to another one (144.375 or 144.365),
but in order to start this initiative I would like to inquire whether
or not the "370 birdy" is a general phenomena experienced throughout Europe.
If not, moving from 370 to another frequency might introduce new birdies
to stations who do not experience issues now.

In order to make a thorough inventory, I need your assistance:

Please send me an email:
1. Tell me if you like the general calling frequency to be shifted
   (or if you do NOT like it to be shifted)
2. Would 365 and/or 375 be a suitable alternative?
3. Please include call sign and locator.

send to: pa3biy at ziggo dot nl

Many thanks,

Peter, PA3BIY

Best VHF DX Expedition of the Year

The MMMonVHF VHF-DX-Portal is happy to invite all VHF enthusiasts and VHF-DX'ers
to join the survey to find the "Best VHF DX Expedition of the Year"
The aim of the survey is to thank the very hard effort of those, who organized
and carried out so many nice expeditions and trips all around the world on the
VHF bands in the past year.
Participation Period: 01. January last year to 31. December last year
Voting Period: 01. January current year to 20. January current year

Please login and take a minute to participate at the voting.

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HOT 144 MHz MS & EME DX-PEDITION NEWS - Pse do use:
http://www.mmmonvhf.de/latest.php

and use the FILTER for your personal wishes!
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** DXCC: ZL ; New Zealand ; Square: RF73hc ; start 2012-11-10

YU7AA be qrv from RF73hc next 2 month...
RIG 144 IC821 +300W LNA NE54143 ant 2M18xxx

SOURCE: tnx to YU7AA, direct to MMMonVHF

** DXCC: K ; USA ; Square: EM31 ; start 2013-01-19

Working K5QE in the ARRL Jan VHF contest from EM31CJ
Hello to everyone in the EME community. This year, the ARRL January
VHF Contest will be held Jan 19th and 20th. We want to work as many EME
stations on 2M and 432 as we can to increase our grid count. Please help
us with this event by working us on JT65b or CW. Thank you very much.
The 2M EME station is 8 x 18 all H-pol with a full 1500W of output power
and a tower mounted preamp. As usual, we will be operating 144.142MHz Second
Sequence. Our moonrise times are really bad for this contest. The contest
starts at 1900Z on Saturday, but the moon rises at 1815Z just before the
contest starts. So, on Saturday, we will be looking for callers on 2M EME,
but we will not be able to do much CQing because the tropo station needs to
be working rovers and fixed stations. IF we see someone calling us on Saturday,
we will respond as soon as we can. Our moonset is at 0730Z(=1:30AM Sunday night
local time). For the last few hours of our moon time, we will be looking
specifically for US, JA, VK, and ZL stations, so if you are in Oceania or
the US, look for us then. On Sunday, Jan 20th, we have moonrise at
1845Z(= 12:45PM local time). The mid afternoon in the contest is usually a
very slow time, so we are going to concentrate on EME from our moonrise until
the end of the contest, which is technically 0400Z on Monday(=10PM local time).
Hence US stations and Oceania stations can work us right up to the end of the contest.
Because we are a Multi-Multi station, we will be watching the N0UK EME reflector.
Because of the ARRL's rules, we can not post on the logger. If you see us, please
spot us on the N0UK logger along with our frequency. If you are not in the contest,
you can post freely to the reflectors. So, you can talk to us, we just can't talk back.
If you don&#65533;t see us on 144.142MHz, please check back later because we may just be doing
a bit of Search & Pounce or working a local station on tropo.
We also have a good 432 EME station. The TX power is 1KW and the antenna is 16 x 28el M2 all H-pol.
This antenna works very well. So, if you have anything on 432, look for us on 432.070MHz.
IF Faraday is not bad, we have a good chance to work you. We will take the Second Sequence
and we will call CQ whenever we can. If you can, please try to work us on 432. IF we hear
a CW caller on 432, we will switch to CW and make every effort to work you.
Good luck to all in the contest and we hope to see you there. Thank you.

SOURCE: 73 Marshall, K5QE, direct to MMMonVHF

** DXCC: FG ; Guadeloupe ; Square: FK96 ; start 2013-02-15

Activity from FG4KH FK96HF again

FG4KH will be on air by the middle of the next month for a small activity in EME and tropo from
Guadeloupe Island. The set up will be light this year with FT897, 200w, LNA and only H pol on
the 2 x 3WL DK7ZB. I will try to make some tropo QSO to south America and Cara&#65533;bean area.
I will be QRV also time to time on the HF bands from 80 to 10 meters
Cu soon from the French West Indies
Philippe F1DUZ

SOURCE: Phillipe F1DUZ, direct to MMMonVHF

** DXCC: TX ; Clipperton ; Square: DK50 ; start 2013-03-01

I am planning to have at least 1kw output and low loss feedline to a 6M8GJ with
manual elevation. There are very good windows with EU moonsets. PSE read my webpage
for more details and procedures. I will transmit in the first sequence JT65A when operating EME.
This is about the only way anyone from EU will ever work Clipperton on 6m, so please be ready!

SOURCE: tnx for Info Lance, W7GJ, direct to MMMonVHF

** DXCC: DL ; Germany ; Square: JO44 ; start 2013-03-01

DL0AT qrv from JO44HI
Aktivate the Lighthouse Westerhever with big power on the top on the lighthouse.
2x7 ele es 2x 9 ele with 2x 750 watts. FED: 260; LH 0063

SOURCE: tnx to Andy, DG3XA, direct to MMMonVHF

** DXCC: 5W ; Samoa ; Square: AH36 ; start 2013-04-04

5W0M (AH36TN) on 144 MHz EME
A German team will activate Samoa from Le Lagoto on Savaii in the northern part of the island
from 80m thru 6m. The good news is that very experienced moon bouncer and DXpeditioner Joe
DL9MS joined the group and will take care of EME operations on 144 MHz. 5W0M will be QRV
from 4 April to 18 April 2013 however, for Central Europe the EME window will open only
around 8 April

Source: http://5w0m.hkmann.de/?Home

** DXCC: 9G ; Ghana ; Square: IJ95 ; start 2013-04-12

After some DXpeditions in the past (last year 5X1EME) the Atleticoteam will go to Africa again.
This time Rene PE1L, Eltje PA3CEE and Johan PE9DX will activate Ghana in west Africa on 144 MHz,
this will be a new one for all of you. The licence 9G5EME is received and the flight and house is
booked,
the locator will be IJ95gb on the beach in the town Ampenyi near the city of Cape Coast.
We want to be active at least during two whole weekends when there is good activity in combination
with
good moon conditions. We try to start friday april 12th for the weekend and then start again friday
19th
for one week. (in between the condx are not good so we will do things what normal tourists do)
Internet possibility is unsure but we try to send at least once a day an update via MoonNet,
MMMonVHF and our mailinglist.

Frequency:
We always TX and RX 144.134 MHz
We use 1 minute periods and we will TX always first.

Setup:
2 x 8 Xpol yagi
400 watt amplifier and a low NF preamp (WA2ODO)

Welcome to Ghana moonbounce site! http://www.emelogger.com/ghana (donations more than welcome)
This is our fifth DXpedition to Africa. Africa came into our blood. We have to come back as often
as possible. We can't resist.... With this expedition we support projects via BEBO Bakery
http://www.bebobakery.com

Dont forget to vote at http://www.mmmonvhf.de/voting.php for expedition of the year 2012.

Johan, Eltje and Rene

SOURCE: tnx to Rene, PE1L, direct to MMMonVHF

** DXCC: OJ0 ; Market Isl. ; Square: JP90 ; start 2013-06-12

OH8K team plans to go OJ0 Market Island, June 12-16 2013.
Qrv on 2m EME and MS. Call is confirmed: OJ0C
Team Jukka OH8MSM, Sami OH9GDT and Jussi OH6ZZ More info later

SOURCE: tnx to Jussi, OH6ZZ, direct to MMMonVHF

** DXCC: 3B9 ; Rodrigues Isl ; Square: MH10 ; start 2013-09-01

3B9EME will be qrv from Rodrigues Isl. (MH10qh) in september 2013.
After the success of the J52EME DXpedition by the Verona DX Team,
we are pleased to announce the activation of a new one for 2013.
We will be in 3B9, Rodrigues Island, for EME activity in 144 and 432 Mhz.
The period will be 1 to 9 September 2013. Flights and hotel are already booked.
We await the granting of the call 3B9EME, with the aid of the contacts of Rene PE1L,
which is, along with Atletico Team, our example for DXpedition activity.
Soon more news about equipment, antennas and QRG.
Best 73 from Lucio I3LDP, team leader Verona DX Team - ARI Verona

SOURCE: tnx to Lucio I3LDP direct to MMMonVHF

** DXCC: SV9 ; Crete ; Square: KM25 ; start 2013-10-25

Frank DH7FB and Bernd DF2ZC will activate Crete in Oktober 2013 on 2m EME.Call sign will
be SV9ANJ.Rig is as always TS2000, 2 x 9 ele M2 and BeKo SSPA with sufficient output power.
Location will Pelamare Apartments in Kokkini Hani, 13 kilometres East of Iraklion,
in the North of Crete. Website http://pelamare.webs.com/. Locator is KM25PH
We are very grateful for Pelamare Apts owner Manos SV9ANJ for supporting this DXpedition!

SOURCE: tnx to Bernd, DF2ZC, direct to MMMonVHF

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... for your News (pse use: http://www.mmmonvhf.de/newsuser.php)
to the next MMMonVHF Newsletter will be next wednesday 22.00 UTC ...

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like ON4KST-, RU-VHF-DX-Net, EA-V-U-SHF-Chat, N0UK-Chat and others.

** Many thanks to all our USERS who did send us info and news **

Wherever we found the info we always indicate the source of the
info. If you get knowledge of an expedition, which is NOT listed
at our VHF-DX-Portal MMMonVHF or if you have additional info for
an expedition, PLEASE be so kind and send us this info at:

** www.mmmonvhf.de/newsuser.php or www.mmmonvhf.de/contact.php **

The MMMonVHF-Team is always trying to spread any expedition info
as much up-to-date and reliable as possible and as long as the
info does not violate with our MMMonVHF-Policy ...

Have a lot of fun and enjoy the VHF-DX-Portal MMMonVHF!

73 de Lins PA3CMC
on behalf of the MMMonVHF-Team

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